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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On March 20, 1964 an individual, who has requested his identity not be divulged but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that while recently in Mexico City he met one Arnold (last name unknown) in the Casa de los Amigos operated by the American Friends Service Committee in Mexico City.

Arnold related on the occasion of the above-mentioned meeting that he had had dinner with Lee Harvey Oswald during the time that Oswald visited Mexico City prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. Arnold furnished no other details to this source regarding this dinner but source stated that Arnold claimed to be from Berkeley, California.

On April 14, 1964 a photograph of Arnold Louis Kessler dated September 10, 1963, which was obtained from the Passport Office of the United States Department of State by Investigative Clerk David L. De Weese on April 7, 1964, was exhibited to the above-mentioned source who immediately positively identified the photograph of Kessler as being a photograph of the individual named Arnold that he met at the Casa de los Amigos, Mexico City. Passport records of the United States Department of State reflect that Arnold Louis Kessler was born September 28, 1942, Detroit, Michigan, and was issued a passport at San Francisco, California on September 10, 1963, at which time he indicated he intended to travel to Brazil, Peru and Argentina, staying abroad approximately six months.

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On March 20, 1964, Dallas T-4 advised that he was in Mexico City until approximately two weeks ago. While in Mexico City he had occasion to visit the Casa de los Amigos operated by the American Friends Service Committee in Mexico City. While visiting the Casa de los Amigos, he met one ARNOLD (last name unknown) who was residing at the Casa de los Amigos.

ARNOLD had in his possession a press card which identified him as an employee of the "Mexico City Times", but he was not employed by that publication at the time he met informant. In addition, informant was unable to furnish any information as to where ARNOLD was working at the time.

ARNOLD related he had been in Mexico City for approximately four months and commented to informant that he had had dinner with LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the occasion of the latter's visit to Mexico City prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY. ARNOLD did not say where this dinner engagement took place, nor did he relate any of the details of the conversation he had with OSWALD on the occasion of this dinner. Informant advised he did not learn whether ARNOLD met with OSWALD on any other occasion either in Mexico or elsewhere.

Informant described ARNOLD as a white male American, twenty to twenty-four years of age, 5'10", 160 pounds, blond hair, ruddy complexion, and full mustache. Informant noted that ARNOLD claimed to be from Berkeley, California.

Informant concluded by stating he has no additional information regarding the above matter, no further description of ARNOLD, and no idea where ARNOLD is living and working at the present time.

On April 7, 1964, Investigative Clerk DAVID L. DE WEESE reviewed at the Passport Office, United States Department of State, a passport application dated September 9, 1963, for ARNOLD